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1. BOTH DER SPIEGEL AND FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE
ZEITUNG (FAZ) IN THEIR MARCH 21 ISSUES REPORT SOVIET
PROTEST AGAINST EXPORT OF "SENSITIVE" NUCLEAR TECH-
NOLOGIES TO COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT ACCEPTED NPT,
SUCH AS BRAZIL. FAZ COMMENTS THAT FRG MUST PROBABLY
OFFICIALLY CONFIRM TODAY THAT HERMES (STATE SECRETARY
IN FRG FOREIGN OFFICE) WAS INFORMED OF SOVIET PROTEST
BY USSR AMBASSADOR IN BONN ABOUT 10 DAYS AGO.

2. FAZ ALSO SPECULATES THAT THIS TOPIC WILL BE AN
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IMPORTANT THEME DURING VISIT OF VAN WELL (DIRECTOR OF
POLITICAL DIVISION IN FRG FOREIGN OFFICE)
TO MOSCOW THIS WEEK.

3. FAZ NOTES THAT US AND USSR AGREEMENT ABOUT
QUESTIONS OF CIVILIAN NUCLEAR POLICY HAS BEEN APPARENT
FOR A LONG TIME IN THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS' GROUP.

ACCORDING TO FAZ THE US WILL PROPOSE A PROHIBITION ON THE EXPORT OF "SENSITIVE" FACILITIES DURING THE NEXT MEETING IN APRIL.

4. "SPIEGEL" HEADLINES ITS ARTICLE "IN THE PINNERS , I.E. OF "...BOTH ATOMIC SUPERPOWERS, THE USA AND THE SOVIET UNION..." . THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR REPORTEDLY MADE IT CLEAR, BUT WITHOUT SHARPNESS, THAT THE USSR FULLY SHARES THE US OBJECTIONS TO THE GERMAN-BRAZILIAN DEAL. AMBASSADOR FALIN IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE URGED THE FRG TO TAKE THESE SIGNIFICANT US OBJECTIONS SERIOUSLY.

5. "SPIEGEL" EMPHASIZES THE SECRECY WITH WHICH PROTEST WAS DELIVERED -- SUBSEQUENTLY MAINTAINED BY FRG AND USSR. REPORTEDLY, BONN FOREIGN OFFICE EXPERTS BELIEVE THE UNUSUAL SILENCE OF THE SOVIET PRESS AND THE RUSSIAN INTEREST IN DISCRETION STEMS FROM USSR DESIRE TO AVOID APPEARING AS AN ATOMIC IMPERIALISTIC ACCOMPLICE OF THE USA BEFORE THE THIRD WORLD. SPIEGEL BELIEVES THE USSR SIGNALLED ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE US POSITION ON THE GERMAN-BRAZILIAN DEAL IN ORDER TO IMPROVE US-USSR SALT NEGOTIATIONS.

6. AS SPIEGEL REVIEWS THE SITUATION, GENSCHER'S "BLITZ" VISIT TO WASHINGTON WAS DESIGNED TO FIND OUT IF BONN COULD BREAK OUT OF THE PINNERS OF THE SUPERPOWERS. HOWEVER, THE GERMAN AND AMERICAN PARTNERS ARE "TALKING PAST EACH OTHER" AND A COMPROMISE SEEMS UNCLASSIFIED

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HARDLY CONCEIVABLE. THE DECISIVE SHOW-DOWN BETWEEN SCHMIDT AND CARTER IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 8, "... THE 32ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE GERMAN SURRENDER."

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